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(1391-39401)***

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-36 are currently pending in this application. Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 34-36 and that claims 2-7, 15, 21 and 26-32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1, 8-14, 16-20, 22-25 and 33 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-21 of copending Application No. 10/396,606. Applicants provide herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

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CONCLUSION

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicant. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office Action dated January 26, 2005 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

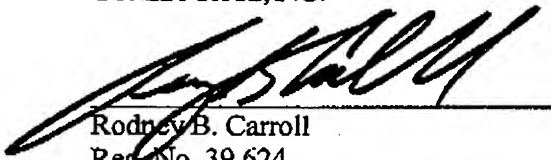
If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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